

Slaughter Secured \$300,000 to Equip Building With State-of-the-Art Research Tools

ROCHESTER, NY – Congresswoman Louise Slaughter (NY-28) today attended the ribbon cutting of Peckham Hall at Nazareth College. Slaughter is responsible for securing \$300,000 to equip this new building with state-of-the-art research tools including interactive smart classroom technology and equipment for the new Anatomy and Physiology Lab.

The opening of Peckham Hall will allow Nazareth College to expand programs for students interested in science, technology, engineering and mathematics at a time when American students are falling behind in the study of these important fields. In a recent international assessment of 15-year-old students, the U.S. ranked 28th in the world in math literacy and 24th in science literacy.

"The opening of Peckham Hall is vital to training the scientists, engineers, innovators and medical professionals that will serve our community for decades to come," said Slaughter. "I'm so pleased to have helped furnish this state-of-the-art building, because we must train our students in growing fields like biotechnology and nanotechnology in order to create the jobs of the future here in Rochester."

The 74,000 square foot building is LEED certified and has two green roof gardens. The Math and Science Center features four floors, a green house with desert, sub-tropic and temperate environments, 20 labs for biology, chemistry, physics, math, computing and ecology, and eight classrooms and lab lecture rooms with state-of-the-art technology.

Ninety-three percent of students at Nazareth College are New York State residents and nearly two-thirds live and work in the Greater Rochester community. As a result, the educational experiences gained at Nazareth College widely benefit Rochester and Monroe County.